

From the Pastor's home office

Isaiah 40: 3-5

A voice of one calling:

“In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

This is the last week of Lent leading to Palm Sunday and Holy Week. I must say that it feels good to be in the middle of preparing extra services and planning out some extra music for the coming Easter service. Last year, we were mailing and emailing the service to as many people as we could. We were beginning to think about a Maundy Thursday service on Zoom or Webex and I was wondering how I was going to make the Easter service special during a pandemic lockdown. Last year, there was not as much to plan for Holy Week but there was more stress involved in what we did.

A year later, I am glad that I am planning and preparing Holy Week services again. Actually, I am enjoying getting ready for Holy Week with all of its extra activities. After a year without, I am looking forward to spending each evening with some of you either in the church or on Facebook. This will make this particular Holy Week special.

I know that these verses from Isaiah are usually an Advent reading but I thought it was fitting for this time in Lent as well. As we move from Palm Sunday through Holy Week, we are taking time to prepare the way of the Lord. To prepare for the Resurrection. It is a journey that we do not always want to do but the rejoicing only comes after the journey is made. This last week of Lent is really a week of preparation. It again may be different from years past but Easter is still coming and we need to prepare. Let us join together in our preparations even in these days as we move into this Holy Week.